District Created: 2009

Authorized expenditure (excluding interest): \$15,600,000

Authorizing resolution(s): File #090325, #140437 Projected TID cost recovery: 2035 (levy year)

Maximum legal life: 2036

Base property value: \$63,334,700; District base value redetermined in 2014

Completion Status: Ongoing

Project description

In 2009, the City of Milwaukee undertook a multi-year redevelopment process incorporating a variety of funding sources to cover the anticipated costs of acquisition, demolition, site preparation, new infrastructure and other related activities. These sources include \$10 million in Capital Budget funding and \$15.6 million in district revenues, with the balance of funding derived from federal and state grants, New Markets Tax Credits equity and land sale proceeds. The overall \$35.4 million project budget will support the following activities:

- Acquisition of the 84-acre portion of the site
- Demolition of approximately 1.8 million square feet of presently vacant or underutilized industrial buildings, including asbestos abatement
- Environmental remediation and abatement of contaminants in building components and soil
- Clearing and grading of the site
- Stabilization of existing buildings and ongoing holding costs for the site during the three year development period
- Public improvements, including streets and utilities to serve the business park
- Matching funds to assist with qualified private improvements to existing residential properties in the TID through the Century City Targeted Investment Neighborhood (TIN)
- Development fund to provide funding for job training within the district
- Planning and community outreach
- Administrative costs associated with the TID

The City will have to complete significant demolition, environmental remediation, and site preparation activities before construction can commence on the site.

In 2010 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM) rehabbed a 300,000-sf. manufacturing building and attracted Spanish train manufacture Talgo, Inc. to Milwaukee.

Between 2010 and 2014 RACM demolished 1.5 million square feet of obsolete buildings, removed blight, and cleanup environmental conditions. This effort involved more than 20 contracts that included numerous local companies. RACM exceeded its Small Business Enterprise and resident participation goals for this work.

In 2014 the Milwaukee Common Council approved Amendment No. 1 to TID 74 to reset the TID's base value.

In 2015 RACM entered a partnership with General Capital to build a 50,000-sf. flex industrial building and monument sign at the corner of N. 31st St. and W. Capitol Dr. The building was named Century City I and RACM entered into a contract with Colliers International to market it. A number of temporary users leased the building. Prostar Surfaces, Inc. leased the building to assemble and finish the Milwaukee Buck game and practice floors for the Fiserv Forum.

RACM completed the installation of landscaping and public right-of-way infrastructure improvements along West Hopkins Street. This work included the installation of landscaping, sidewalks, LED street lighting and a gateway to the business park. An expansion of the storm water basin began in late fall 2016 and was completed by 2017 year end. The basin provides storm water management for the entire business park. This project also allowed for full expenditure and close out of EPA and WEDC grants.

Crown Castle continues to lease the property at 3180 West Townsend Street.

Benson Industries completed fabrication and assembly of the exterior curtain wall for the Northwestern Mutual Commons project. Benson partnered with the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP) to recruit and train more than 70 unemployed workers in window assembly and glazing. Benson invested more than \$100,000 in improvements in Building 36.

In 2017, the majority of the city's efforts centered on ongoing maintenance, construction and marketing of the business park. Other activities include:

- Talgo, Inc. has signed an extended lease for Building 36. To fulfill a \$74 million contract with Los Angeles, Talgo absorbs the entirety of Building 36 including overhead costs which greatly reduces the annual operating deficit for the business park.
- Continue working with Colliers to promote the sale/lease of buildings and land for manufacturing purposes
- Market 27th/Hopkins out lots and building for commercial development
- Complete the storm water basin expansion project
- Continue to Obtaining Final Case Closure from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Area A (3945 N. 31st St.)
- Continue maintenance work on buildings 1A and 65
- Remediate outlots/exterior parking lots for development
- Complete design and construction for Phase II infrastructure and transportation enhancements surrounding the business park.

In 2018, the partnership between General Capital and the Century City Redevelopment Corporation sold the membership rights for the Century City 1 building to Good City Brewing to house their offices, some brewing operations, and warehousing.

In 2019 Talgo, Inc. invested \$1.5 million dollars into Building 36 by adding blasting and painting capabilities for rail cars. Talgo has approximately 70 employees and continues to grow their presence in Milwaukee.

RACM acqired the 13.5 acre propoerty at 3940 N. 35th St. in partnership with Business Improvement District No. 37 (BID #37). RACM is completing envionmental and geotechnical work at the property. A marketing committee that includes BID #37, Northwest Side Community Development Corporation (NWSCDC), and other partners are working together to market the proeprty.

In 2020 the Milwaukee Common Council approved Amendment No. 2 to TID #74. This amendment allowed TID #74 to accept a donation from TID #49 (Cathedral Square) of up to \$7,754,926.

Good City Brewing contined to market the Century City 1 building and added a few new tenants including Craft Beverage Warehouse, LLC. Craft Beverage Warehouse is a start-up business that supports local beverage companies but has found their market to be the entire contiguous 48 states and Alaska.

RACM is working in partnership with the Century City Tri-Angle Neighborhood Association, MKE Plays, Clean Wisconsin and Reflo to expand Melvina Park located at 29th & Melvina. The park expansion will convert a former parking lot into a community greenspace.

RACM continues to market the remaining 45-acres of land with M7, BID #37, NWSCDC, and Good City Brewing. There were a number of promising leads throughout the year.

District incremental values have changed as follows:

Year	Inc	remental Value
2020	\$	(6,166,300)
2019	\$	(8,956,000)
2018	\$	(6,334,300)
2017	\$	(5,879,200)
2016	\$	(5,318,900)
2015	\$	(8,689,700)
2014	\$	(6,876,100)
2013	\$	(25,834,100)

Expenditures - Life to Date (as of 12/31/20)

	Project Plan				
	Budget	Appropriations	Encumbrances	Expenditures	Remaining
Administration	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,169,975		\$ 1,169,975	\$ -
Demolition	7,127,375	6,494,378		6,494,378	-
Environmental	3,007,625	1,430,702		1,430,702	-
Neighborhood Housing	400,000	104,945		104,945	-
Contingency	3,015,000	=		=	-
Workforce Development	500,000	=		-	-
Transfer to CCRC	-	6,400,000		6,400,000	-
Capitalized Interest	-	1,153,085		1,153,085	(0)
Total	\$ 15,600,000	\$ 16,753,085	\$ -	\$ 16,753,085	\$ (0)

Financing Costs – Interest Paid through 12/31/2020: \$6,119,439

Revenue/Value Performance (as of 12/31/2020)

	Projected		Actual	
Property value	\$ 121,898,864	\$	57,168,400	
Incremental value	\$ 40,249,064	\$	(6,166,300)	
Incremental taxes	\$ 3,522,111	\$	-	
State aid	*	\$	52,251	

^{*} Not projected

Miscellaneous Revenue through 12/31/2020: \$38,992

Is the project within budget? Yes No If no, explain: Most funds awarded to the project
have been fully expended and administrative costs have been shifted to RACM. From a site
perspective, additional funds are needed to complete environmental cleanup; on-site
infrastructure and maintenance costs which increased due to recent improvements (i.e. greenway and basin expansion); and maintenance of B1A and B65.
Is the project on schedule?
Identify any significant concerns that might affect budget or schedule of this project in the future: See comments above regarding the redetermination of the base value.